Supplementary Grants.

1. I—Land Revenue—D—Law Charges—Rs. 300.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 under 1. Land Revenue—Law Charges. The amount is required for the further expenses in connection with the suits filed against a certain tenant in the Palghat Sub-Court for the recovery of arrears of pattom due to the Government. The amount already provided in the budget has been fully exhausted. This amount is absolutely necessary for the further expenses in that connection. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the additional grant.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Before I move the motion, may I know whether they were ready to pay the pattom in kind?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—So far as I know they were not ready.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is the Government prepared to accept it?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No. The document provides for the payment at 8 annas per parah.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Before the pattom was fixed at 8 annas per parah, they were paying in kind, and it was as a concession to them that, when the price of paddy was very high, they were allowed to remit 8 annas per parah. Now the price of paddy has gone down. It is 5 annas. They find it difficult to pay at the rate of 8 annas now.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The amount was collected at the rate of 8 annas when the price was very high and there is no reason to reduce it now. Even when it was 14 annas or 12 annas we were collecting only at the rate of 8 annas and the fact that there is some small reduction now will be no reason for accepting a lower rate.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—May I know what you get from the Devaswam tenants?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The same 8 annas. We do not make any distinction between Devaswam tenants and other tenants.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I don't move the motion.

Hence the following motion was considered withdrawn.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 300 by Re. 1.*

Demand put and carried.

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